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- A Press Release summarizing the views of the Executive Board as expressed during its December 15, 2021 consideration of the staff report.
- The **Staff Report**, prepared by IMF staff and completed on December 1, 2021 for the Executive Board's consideration on December 15, 2021.

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IMF Executive Board Extends Debt Service Relief for 25 Eligible Low-Income Countries

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Washington, DC – **December 20, 2021:** The Executive Board of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) approved on December 15, 2021 a fifth and final tranche of debt service relief under the <u>Catastrophe Containment and Relief Trust (CCRT) for 25 member countries</u> with eligible debt service falling due to the IMF from January 11 to April 13, 2022.

The approval of the fifth tranche, totaling approximately SDR 82.1 million (about US\$115 million), follows four prior tranches approved on April 13, 2020, October 2, 2020, April 1, 2021, and October 6, 2021 (see Press Releases 20/165, 20/304, 21/99, 21/291) and helps free up scarce financial resources for vital health, social, and economic support to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The tranche completes the two-year COVID-related debt service relief first approved on April 13, 2020, totaling a cumulative debt service relief of about SDR 690 million (US\$ 964 million).

In March 2020, Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva launched an urgent fundraising effort to raise SDR 1 billion (US\$1.4 billion) in grants for the CCRT. This would enable the CCRT to provide financial assistance for COVID-related relief on debt service for up to a maximum of two years, while leaving the CCRT adequately funded for future needs. So far, donors have pledged contributions totaling about SDR 609 million (about US\$852 million), including from the European Union, the UK, Japan, Germany, France, the Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland, Norway, Singapore, Greece, China, Mexico, the Philippines, Sweden, Bulgaria, Luxembourg, Malta, and Indonesia.

Executive Board Assessment¹

Executive Directors endorsed staffs proposal for the approval of the fifth and final tranche of COVID-related debt service relief for beneficiary countries under the Catastrophe Containment and Relief Trust (CCRT) for the remaining two-year period through April 13, 2022.

Directors noted that CCRT grants for debt service relief on obligations to the Fund falling due from April 14, 2020 through January 10, 2022 have helped its poorest and most vulnerable members to free up resources to tackle the pandemic and its repercussions. They encouraged CCRT-eligible countries to continue making progress on implementing governance safeguards commitments regarding COVID-19 related spending, and reiterated the importance of transparency and accountability. Directors also welcomed the transition to upper credit

At the conclusion of the discussion, the Managing Director, as Chairman of the Board, summarizes the views of Executive Directors, and this summary is transmitted to the country authorities. An explanation of any qualifiers used in summings up can be found here: http://www.IMF.org/external/np/sec/misc/qualifiers.htm.

tranche-quality programs by some CCRT-eligible members, which provide a stronger policy framework for the recovery period, and looked forward to further progress in this area.

Directors appreciated the generous support from 18 Fund members and the EU that have helped finance this support. They noted, however, that total grant pledges received to date of about SDR 609 million are short of the cost of the full two-year COVID-related debt service relief, and well short of the SDR 1 billion fundraising target.

Directors acknowledged that the approval of the fifth tranche will severely reduce the CCRT's pre-COVID cash buffer and potentially limit the CCRT's capacity to provide relief in future emergencies. They considered, however, that on balance there is a compelling case for approval of the tranche in light of the continuing human and economic toll of the pandemic. Directors thus agreed on the urgent need for continued fundraising efforts to address the CCRT's underfunding. In light of simultaneous financing requests from the Fund, Directors encouraged a more coordinated approach to fundraising to help donors better understand and prioritize the various efforts underway.

Directors looked forward to the comprehensive review of the CCRT planned for FY2023, including a discussion of access rules and the financing framework to ensure the sustainability of the Trust going forward. To manage underfunding risks, many Directors saw merit in an earlier review, while being mindful of the heavy workload facing staff.



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On March 26, 2020, the Executive Board approved changes to the Catastrophe Containment and Relief Trust (CCRT). These changes enabled the Fund as Trustee of the CCRT to provide grants for debt service relief to its poorest and most vulnerable members up to a maximum of two years from April 14, 2020 to help tackle the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic repercussions. To date, the Executive Board has approved four tranches of debt service relief (three six-month tranches and one three-month tranche) to all CCRT-eligible countries with eligible debt service to the Fund falling due from April 14, 2020 through January 10, 2022.¹

On October 6, 2021, when discussing possible debt relief during the final six months of the maximum two-year period for debt relief following the determination of a qualifying health event, the Executive Board approved a two-step approach consisting of (i) an immediate approval of the disbursement of a fourth tranche of debt service relief to all qualified beneficiary countries² covering the period from October 16, 2021 through January 10, 2022, and (ii) consideration by January 2022 of a final tranche of CCRT debt service relief through April 13, 2022 based on a brief Board paper with an assessment of resources at that time.

¹ Where debt service falling due to the Fund is referenced, this comprises debt service falling due to the General Resources Account and the Poverty Reduction and Growth Trust (PRGT).

² Chad, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mozambique, Tanzania, and Togo do not have eligible debt service falling due during the fifth tranche covering the period from January 11 to April 13, 2022 (see Table 2). At the time of issuance of this paper, there continues to be a basis for pausing dealings with Afghanistan based on public statements issued by a critical mass of the membership that raise doubts as to whether members, in their own bilateral relations, recognize or deal with the Taliban as the government of Afghanistan. Afghanistan's next payment to the Fund under the fifth tranche period is due on February 3, 2022 for SDR 0.45 million.

In accordance with the two-step approach, this paper provides a brief overview on recent developments in CCRT-eligible countries followed by an update on the CCRT's funding status and resources assessment.

Despite generous support from a number of donors, total pledges received so far fall well short of the SDR 1 billion fundraising target and are also still below the cost of the full two-year COVID-related debt relief. Proceeding with a fifth and final tranche would thus necessitate a significant drawdown of the pre-COVID cash buffer, leaving the Trust with SDR 69 million, insufficient to cover potential *debt stock relief* under the Post-Catastrophe Relief (PCR) window in the event of catastrophic natural disasters. The remaining cash balance could still cover a very small number of *debt service relief* cases under the PCR window or the Catastrophe Containment (CC) window.

On balance, given that the pandemic continues to pose a severe human and economic burden on CCRT-eligible members, staff proposes (i) the approval of a fifth and final tranche covering debt service relief to all qualified beneficiary countries covering the period from January 11 to April 13, 2022; (ii) continued fundraising efforts to address the CCRT's severe underfunding; and (iii) a comprehensive review of the CCRT Instrument, tentatively planned for FY23, to assess the appropriateness of its policies and financing framework.

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RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

- 1. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to exact a significant human and economic toll on IMF members eligible for assistance from the Catastrophe Containment and Relief Trust (CCRT).
- **Human toll:** CCRT-eligible countries continue to see a high rate of new cases, while there are some signs of a slowdown, in the context of a challenging and uneven vaccine rollout. Cumulative cases have reached 2.2 million while associated deaths have exceeded 43 thousand (see Figure 1).
- **Economic toll:** While the global economic recovery is continuing, divergences among country groups are expected. According to the latest WEO outlook, real GDP growth in CCRT-eligible countries is projected to remain slower than the pre-COVID forecasts in 2021 and 2022. The gap between the weak performance of the CCRT-eligible countries vis-à-vis the wider group of low-income developing countries (LIDCs) is expected to widen further in 2022 and their slower growth is in sharp contrast to the prospective solid recovery in the advanced economies (AEs) and emerging market and developing economies (EMDEs) (see Table 1), reflecting

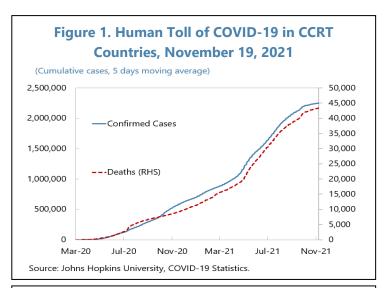


Table 1. Real GDP Growth Across IMF Member Groups (Percent) 2019 2020 2022 2021 IMF Pre-Premember Current Current COVID COVID Change Actual² Estimate² Change proj.2 group proj.2 proj. proj CCRT 4.2 2.9 4.3 -0.7 -0.5 -2.0 4.9 5.0 LIDCs 5.3 -2.1 5.3 0.1 5.1 3.0 5.3 0.0 **EMDEs** 3.7 -2.1 4.7 0.4 4.6 6.4 1.8 5.1 **AEs** 1.7 -4.5 1.6 5.2 3.6 1.5 3.0 4.5 -3.1 Global 2.8 1.4 Source: Staff calculations 1 January 2020 WEO ² October 2021 WEO.

slower vaccine rollout and relatively limited policy support compared to other country groups.

- 2. To date, the Executive Board has approved four tranches of debt service relief, totaling SDR 607.5 million for all CCRT-eligible members with eligible debt service falling due to the Fund from April 14, 2020 through January 10, 2022 (Table 2). 31 member countries benefited from immediate CCRT debt service relief in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, with four tranches approved on April 13, 2020, October 2, 2020, April 1, 2021, and October 6, 2021. Grant resources from the CCRT were disbursed to member countries and used to effect early repayment on their eligible debt falling due to the IMF during each tranche.³
- 3. **CCRT-eligible members have also benefitted from other IMF financial support and a new general SDR allocation, which became effective in August 2021.** Since the onset of the pandemic, the IMF has approved SDR 5.3 billion in financial assistance to 30 CCRT-eligible countries:

³ Debt relief grants related to GRA charges are disbursed from the CCRT to effect payment on eligible charges when they become due.

29 countries have received financial support through the Rapid Credit Facility (RCF) and Rapid Financing Instrument (RFI), both emergency financing (EF) instruments; new arrangements under the Extended Credit Facility (ECF) have been approved for four countries (Afghanistan, Democratic Republic of Congo, The Gambia, and Madagascar); and four countries (Benin, The Gambia, São Tomé and Príncipe, and Togo) have received augmentations of access under existing arrangements.⁴ CCRT-eligible countries' share of the new General SDR Allocation, effective August 23, 2021, amounted to about SDR 5.8 billion.

UPDATE ON THE ADEQUACY OF CCRT RESOURCES

- On October 6, 2021, the Executive Board endorsed a two-step approach for the final six months of the maximum period that allowed for uninterrupted debt service relief in parallel with continued fundraising efforts. At the time, staff considered in light of the low level of CCRT resources that it was premature to decide on a full six-month fourth CCRT tranche. Rather, a twostep approach was proposed and endorsed consisting of (i) an immediate approval of a further period of debt service relief through January 10, 2022, and (ii) consideration by the Executive Board prior to the end of the 4th tranche in January 2022 of a final tranche of debt relief through April 13, 2022 based on an updated assessment of resource adequacy, taking into account progress on fundraising and the likely needs of other potentially qualifying members.
- 5. The approval of tranches of debt relief under the CCRT needs to take into consideration potential demand for assistance, both under the PCR and CC window (see Box 1). Under the CCRT Instrument, the Executive Board "shall take into account the availability of resources in the Trust and the likely need of other potentially qualifying members under the Trust" when taking decisions on approving any tranche of CCRT grants. The Instrument leaves broad discretion to the Fund in making this assessment.
- Despite generous support from 18 Fund members and the EU, total pledges received to date still fall short of the cost of the full two-year COVID-related debt relief. Since the onset of the pandemic, the Fund has received grant pledges of SDR 609.4 million (Table 3), of which SDR 607.5 million have been disbursed. This is below the cost of two full years of COVID-related debt service relief of SDR 690 million,⁵ and falls well short of the SDR 1 billion fundraising goal that was intended to address the significant underfunding of the Trust. No new grant pledges have been received since the approval of the fourth tranche on October 6. However, Indonesia has stepped forward to top up its existing interest-free deposit agreement from part of the proceeds of its share in the distribution of SCA-1 and deferred charges, with the purpose of generating investment income for use in the operations of the CCRT.

⁴ Several CCRT-eligible countries received financial support through multiple channels: Afghanistan (RCF and new ECF), Benin (ECF augmentation and RCF/RFI), Democratic Republic of Congo (RCF and new ECF), The Gambia (new ECF, RCF and ECF augmentation), and São Tomé and Príncipe (RCF and ECF augmentation). Among the 31 countries that received debt relief through the CCRT since the onset of the pandemic, only Yemen has not received financial support through EF or a Fund-supported program in parallel.

 $^{^{5}}$ The estimate excludes Afghanistan's debt service falling due during the fourth tranche (SDR 2.4 million) and the fifth tranche (SDR 0.45 million).

- 7. **Given the funding shortfall, a final tranche of COVID-19 debt service relief through April 2022 would result in a significant reduction of the pre-COVID cash buffer.** As of November 30, 2021, the cash balances in the CCRT amount to SDR 150.7 million⁶. In the absence of new contributions, the delivery of the COVID-related debt service relief of SDR 82.1⁵ million falling due from January 11, 2022 through April 13, 2022 would reduce the CCRT cash balance to about SDR 68.6 million, implying significant erosion of the pre-COVID cash buffer of about SDR 150 million.
- 8. Significantly reducing the CCRT's cash balances would exacerbate the underfunding problem and render the Trust unable to handle a number of potential future qualifying events. With the median outstanding credit to the Fund amongst CCRT-eligible countries estimated at about SDR 213 million, the CCRT would be significantly underfunded in the case of a debt stock relief under the PCR window, should a qualifying catastrophic disaster (QCD) materialize. The CCRT would also be unable to cover some debt service relief cases under either window, e.g., in the event of multiple natural disasters or a regional epidemic. While future disasters may generate additional donor pledges, a low cash balance is problematic since CCRT debt service relief typically needs to be disbursed immediately after qualifying disasters to avoid a situation where debt service to the Fund crowds out urgent spending or balance of payments needs.
- 9. Approval of a final tranche of COVID relief would, however, still leave a small buffer to cover a very small number of potential debt service relief cases under the PCR and CC windows. In the absence of a catastrophic natural disaster qualifying for PCR stock of debt relief and regional epidemics that qualify multiple countries for CC relief, the projected residual balance of SDR 68.6 million could cover two-year debt service relief under either window for a medium to large country case (i.e., at the 75th percentile of the distribution of potential debt relief costs), or two medium country cases (i.e., at the 50th percentile).
- 10. On balance, given the pandemic's severe burden on CCRT-eligible members, staff recommends the approval of a final tranche of CCRT debt relief in conjunction with the continuation of fundraising efforts for potential future qualifying events. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to exact a severe human and economic toll on CCRT-eligible members, putting a premium on continued CCRT debt service relief. Hence, despite the implied drawdown of the pre-COVID cash buffer and the very limited resources available for other qualifying events, staff proposes the approval of a fifth and final tranche of COVID relief to all qualified member countries with debt service falling due from January 11 to April 13, 2022, in conjunction with continued broad fundraising efforts to reduce the underfunding of the CCRT and replenish the cash buffer available to respond quickly to future shocks.
- 11. Staff proposes to conduct a comprehensive review of the CCRT, tentatively planned for FY23, to ensure its sustainability. Given the enhancement of the CCRT Instrument to cover pandemics, the considerable increase of Fund lending to low-income countries during the pandemic, and the recent increase in PRGT access limits, the pre-COVID underfunding estimate of SDR 200-275

⁶ Includes net operational income received.

million is likely to be substantially underestimated.⁷ The review will assess experience with the debt relief operations under the CCRT and the case for reforms to the access rules and financing framework.

⁷ The 2018–19 Review of Facilities for Low-Income Countries—Reform Proposals assessed the resource need for the CC window at SDR 150 million (covering two large countries or four median countries) and the PCR window at SDR 200-275 million (covering a medium to large case of debt stock relief). With a cash balance of SDR 150 million, the underfunding for the CCRT was estimated at SDR 200-275 million.

Box 1. Overview of the CCRT Instrument

The CCRT provides grants to pay debt service owed to the Fund by eligible low-income member countries that are hit by catastrophic natural disasters or battling public health disasters—such as earthquakes, epidemics, or global pandemics.¹ The Trust has two windows:

Catastrophe Containment (CC) Window

There are two alternative qualifying public health disasters (QPHD). The first concerns a life-threatening *epidemic* that has spread across several areas of the afflicted country's territory, causing significant economic disruption and creating a balance of payments need (BoP). The epidemic has the capacity to spread or is already spreading to other countries, producing or threatening significant economic disruption and loss of life. Under this QPHD, the magnitude of the economic disruption that occurred and is projected to occur in the future, based on available information including preliminary estimates, normally would cause a cumulative loss of real GDP of 10 percent or more; or a cumulative loss of revenue and increase of expenditures equivalent to at least 10 percent of GDP, measured relative to staff estimates made prior to the onset of the public health disaster.

The second QPHD concerns a life-threatening *global pandemic* that is inflicting severe economic disruption across the IMF membership and is creating BoP needs on such a scale as to warrant a concerted international effort to support the poorest and most vulnerable countries through substantial additional grant support and debt service relief.

To qualify for the support, the afflicted country should put in place appropriate macroeconomic policies to address the BoP needs created by the QPHD and the ensuing policy response and may receive *immediate debt relief* covering eligible debt service falling due to the Fund under an initial tranche not exceeding six months from the date of the qualification decision or from the date of the Executive Board determination that a global pandemic exists. Subject to resource availability, additional tranches of debt service relief may be approved to cover an overall period not exceeding two years from the date of the initial decision.

Post-Catastrophe Relief (PCR) Window

An eligible member country would qualify for debt flow relief under this window when a catastrophic natural disaster has directly affected normally at least one-third of the population and directly affected a large portion of the member's economy as evidenced by either a destruction of more than a quarter of the country's productive capacity or by economic damage in an amount exceeding 100 percent of the member's GDP prior to the QCD. Eligible low-income countries hit by such a catastrophic disaster would receive *temporary debt flow relief* on their debt service payments (principal and interest) to the Fund falling due in the two years following the disaster. Unlike under the CC Window, assistance under the PCR Window would not be tranched.

Full cancellation of a country's eligible debt stock to the Fund is also possible for members that qualify for debt flow relief where in addition the member has substantial BoP needs created or exacerbated by the QCD and the subsequent economic recovery efforts which are expected to persist beyond the period covered by the debt flow relief and where the resources freed up by debt stock relief are critical for meeting these needs. This would typically only be the case if, based on an updated debt sustainability analysis, the country faced a very high debt burden. Debt stock relief would be disbursed only upon determination that (i) concerted efforts exist within the international community to provide similar debt relief, which is evidenced by satisfactory assurances regarding debt relief provided by the member's official creditors whose debt together account for at least 80 percent of the member's total sovereign external debt outstanding to official creditors; (ii) the member provided assurances that it will cooperate in an effort to find solutions to its BoP problems and that it will refrain from inappropriate policies that could compound such problems; and (iii) the member has established a track record of adequate macroeconomic policies normally for a period of at least 6 months, taking into account the member's implementation capacity.

¹ Eligibility for CCRT assistance is limited to countries eligible for concessional borrowing under the Poverty Reduction and Growth Trust (PRGT) with per capita income below the International Development Association's (IDA) operational cutoff (currently US\$1,205) or, for small states with a population of less than 1.5 million, per capita income below twice the IDA cutoff (currently US\$2,410).

Table 2. Eligible Countries and Eligible Debt Service Relief for CCRT Tranches (As of November 19, 2021; in SDRs)

	Eligible Debt Service							
Country	1st tranche (actual) (Apr 14- Oct 13, 2020)	2nd tranche (actual) (Oct 14, 2020- Apr 13, 2021)	3rd tranche (actual) (Apr 14- Oct 15, 2021)	4th tranche (actual) (Oct 16, 2021- Jan 10, 2022)	5th tranche (Jan 11, 2022- Apr 13, 2022)	Two-year tota (Apr 14, 2020 Apr 13, 2022)		
Afghanistan, Islamic Republic of	2,400,000	2,400,000	2,400,000	0 1	0 1	7,200,000		
Benin	7,428,000	6,366,000	5,305,000	2,122,000	2,122,000	23,343,000		
Burkina Faso	8,737,400	10,295,000	9,650,000	10,607,000	255,000	39,544,400		
Burundi	5,480,000	4,820,000	4,160,000	0	3,500,000	17,960,000		
Central African Republic	2,955,800	2,924,300	2,924,300	1,531,800	2,645,000	12,981,200		
Chad	0	1,997,000	4,062,000	4,062,000	0	10,121,000		
Comoros	969,857	811,199	654,001	638,687	15,747 ³	3,089,491		
Congo, Democratic Republic of	14,847,900	9,898,600	4,949,300	0	0	29,695,800		
Djibouti	1,692,000	1,692,000	1,396,800	624,600	624,600	6,030,000		
Ethiopia	8,560,166	4,504,835	471,804	238,748	239,658 ³	14,015,211		
Gambia, The	2,099,250	2,099,250	1,866,000	1,088,500	777,500	7,930,500		
Guinea	16,371,000	16,371,000	18,207,000	1,836,000	16,371,000	69,156,000		
Guinea-Bissau	1,079,200	1,363,200	1,121,800	596,400	284,000	4,444,600		
Haiti	4,095,000	3,978,000	3,978,000	865,800	2,293,200	15,210,000		
Kyrgyz Republic				8,876,154 ²	313,354 ³	9,189,508		
Lesotho				3,206,006 ²	629,506 ³	3,835,512		
Liberia	11,632,800	11,188,800	11,483,000	3,102,600	7,936,400	45,343,600		
Madagascar	3,055,000	3,055,000	6,110,000	6,110,000	3,142,800	21,472,800		
Malawi	7,202,000	7,202,000	7,809,000	6,724,000	3,905,000	32,842,000		
Mali	7,300,000	7,500,000	7,700,000	5,700,000	1,800,000	30,000,000		
Mozambique	10,886,667	9,466,667	9,466,667	9,466,667	0	39,286,668		
Nepal	2,852,000	3,565,000	3,565,000	0	3,565,000	13,547,000		
Niger	5,640,000	5,640,000	9,540,500	5,028,500	5,746,000	31,595,000		
Rwanda	8,010,000	12,015,000	14,017,500	8,010,000	8,010,000	50,062,500		
São Tomé and Príncipe	111,000	174,428	174,428	137,428	100,428	697,712		
Sierra Leone	13,364,500	12,220,500	15,110,000	5,999,500	11,554,500	58,249,000		
Solomon Islands	59,428	74,285	103,999	59,428	44,571	341,711		
Tajikistan, Republic of	7,830,000	5,218,000	3,913,500	1,304,500	1,304,500	19,570,500		
Tanzania	10,277,889	8,288,888	0	0	0	18,566,777		
Togo	3,740,000	2,310,000	880,000	0	0	6,930,000		
Yemen, Republic of	14,441,500	10,962,500	17,050,000	0	4,875,000	47,329,000		
Total	183,118,357	168,401,452	168,069,599	87,936,318	82,054,764	689,580,490		

Source: IMF Finance Department.

¹ Debt service relief to Afghanistan (SDR 2.4 million) was not included in the fourth tranche (EBS/21/88, footnote 4) as dealings with it were paused based on public statements issued by a critical mass of the membership that raise doubts as to whether members, in their own bilateral relations, recognize or deal with the Taliban as the government of Afghanistan.

² For the Kyrgyz Republic and Lesotho, the amounts listed in the fourth tranche column include principal payments falling due on October 15, 2021 in the amount of SDR 951,400 and SDR 2,008,500, respectively.

³ Eligible debt service during the fifth tranche includes estimates for the GRA charges for Ethiopia, Comoros, Kyrgyz Republic, and Lesotho. Principal repayment obligations for Lesotho amount to SDR 568,000. There are no principal repayment obligations on the CCRT-eligible debt for Comoros, Ethiopia, and the Kyrgyz Republic.

Table 3. Contributions to the CCRT since March 2020 ¹

(As of November 19, 2021)

Contributor	In millions of SDRs	In millions of original currency (if appl.)	In millions ² of US\$	Current status of contribution	
European Union ³	152.0	€ 183	212.5	Disbursed	
UK	135.8	£150	189.9	Disbursed	
Japan ⁴	108.6	\$150	151.9	Disbursed	
Germany	66.2	€ 80	92.6	Disbursed	
France	33.3	€ 40	46.6	Disbursed	
Netherlands	20.8	€ 25	29.1	Disbursed	
Spain	20.7	€ 25	29.0	Disbursed	
Switzerland	19.5	CHF 25	27.2	Disbursed	
Norway	14.5	NOK 180	20.3	Disbursed	
Singapore	12.4	\$17.6	17.3	Disbursed	
Greece	7.7	\$11.0	10.8	Disbursed	
China	5.6		7.8	Disbursed	
Mexico ⁵	2.9	\$4	4.1	Disbursed	
Philippines ⁶	2.8	\$4	4.0	Partially disbursed	
Sweden	2.4	SEK 30	3.4	Disbursed	
Bulgaria	1.9		2.7	Disbursed	
Luxembourg	1.7	€ 2	2.3	Disbursed	
Malta	0.6	\$0.8	0.8	Disbursed	
Γotal	609.4		852.2		
Гarget	SDR 1 billion		US\$1.4 billion		

Source: IMF Finance Department

¹ On November 29, 2021, Indonesia topped-up its existing interest-free deposit agreement (SDR 5.4 million) with an additional principal amount of SDR 42.7 million, which will mature at end-2023.

² SDR value of contributions (received and pending receipt) is expressed in US dollars using the spot exchange rate as of the

³ The EU contributed to the CCRT SDR 141 million and SDR 11 million during the third and fourth tranches, respectively.

⁴ Japan made two contributions: US\$100 million (April 2020) and US\$50 million (September 2021).

⁵ Contributed as part of the 2015-17 fundraising campaign.

⁶ On September 10, 2021, the Philippines contributed SDR 0.7 million to the CCRT as the first annual installment of its pledge.